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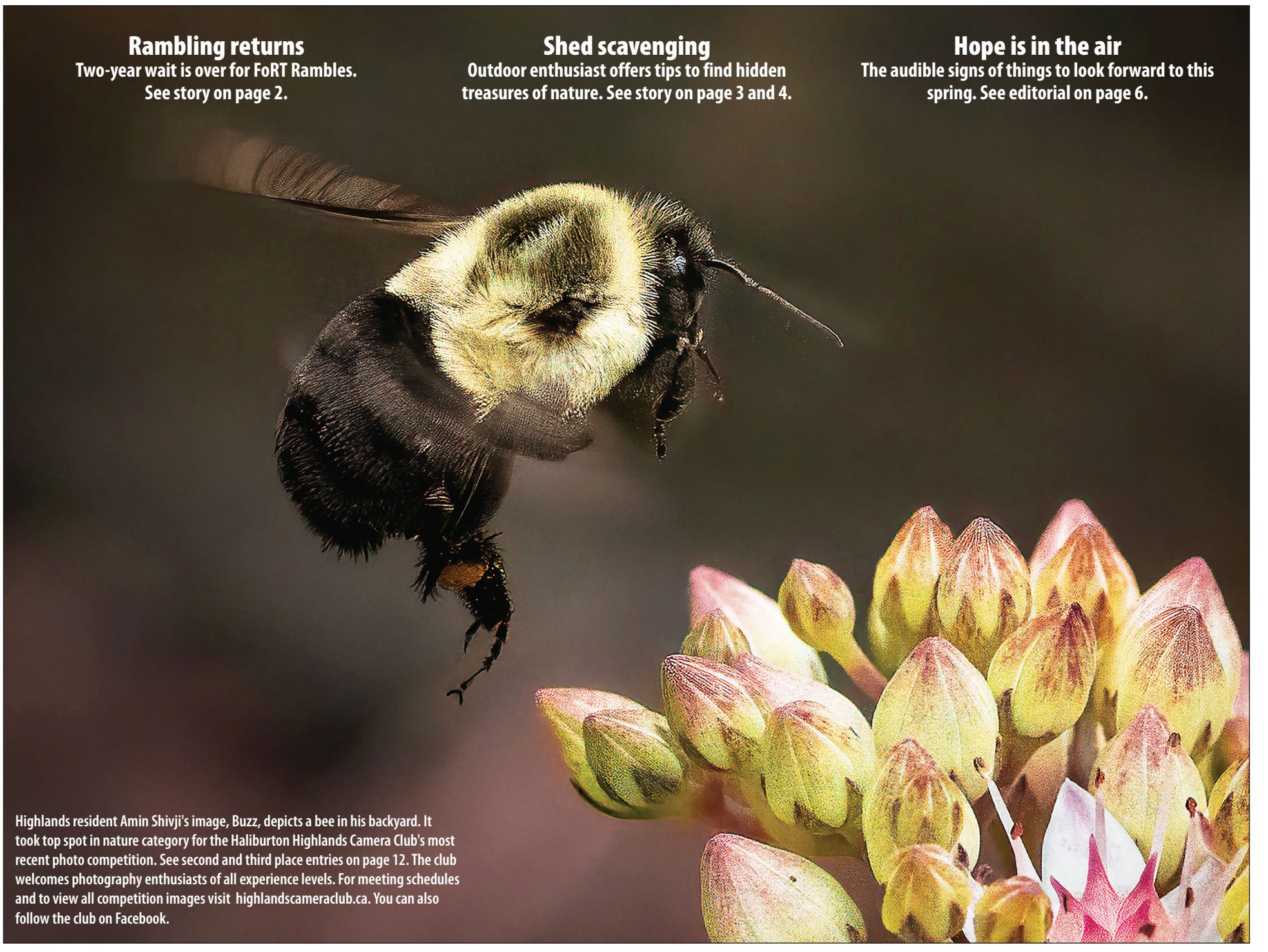

Highlands resident Amin Shivji's image, Buzz, depicts a bee in his backyard. It took top spot in nature category for the Haliburton Highlands Camera Club's most recent photo competition. See second and third place entries on page 12. The club welcomes photography enthusiasts of all experience levels. For meeting schedules and to view all competition images visit highlandscameraclub.ca. You can also follow the club on Facebook.

Sunday Ramblers embark on new season

It was bitter cold on Sunday, March 27. But there was warmth in the people from the joy of rambling again during the first Friends of the Rail Trail Sunday Ramble this season.

The Sunday Rambles are an annual spring program of Rail Trail walks led by Friends of the Rail Trail (FoRT). More than a dozen people and dogs kicked off not just the first one this season, but the first since health measures related to the pandemic suspended the tours. Usually there would be eight or nine a year, depending on how many Sundays are in April and May. This year a special program of 15 Sunday Rambles are planned, to celebrate FoRT's 15th Anniversary. This longer season will somewhat make up for having to cancel the last two years due to COVID.

Each Sunday Ramble will explore a different stretch of the 34 kilometres of the Haliburton County Rail Trail (HCRT), with a casual, social stroll. Because the rambles go out and back everyone can find their own pace and no one gets left behind. Each Ramble is unique as the surroundings vary from forest to wetlands to rock cuts. The railway bed was engineered to stay as level as possible, so it makes for an easy meandering walking trail now.

The outings are free or by donation. We welcome all who are curious about the rail trail, and want to enjoy the fresh air, immerse in nature, or just like to meet new people. They're fun for dogs too, as Roxie, Frankie and Molly were eager to express on the first Sunday.

A small, but hardy group of people came out for the first Friends of the Rail Trail (FoRT) Sunday Ramble of the season on Sunday, March 27 on the Haliburton County Rail Trail in Haliburton. Call or text Pamela Marsales for more info at 705 457-4767. /Submitted by Pamela Marsales

All Rambles depart at 11 a.m. except for the coming Easter Sunday, which starts at 1 p.m. The Ramble on April 10 departs from where Gould Crossing Road crosses the Rail Trail. On Easter, we set out from Donald. A full schedule and map will be available at the public library in Haliburton. The 15 Rambles will run through until July 3.

Find Friends of the Rail Trail/ Haliburton on Facebook. FoRT is part of the Haliburton County Community Co-operative. Call or text Pamela Marsales for more info at 705-457-4767.

Submitted by Pamela Marsales

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Revel in the reveal of spring's bounty

STEVE GALEA

Outdoors

One interesting thing about being an outdoors enthusiast is that there is a prime time for every activity. For instance, now that snow depths are starting to ebb and winter pursuits are over for another year, we have entered into the best time to be in the woods searching for shed deer antlers.

Recently dropped

In Ontario, most bucks drop their antlers every year between January and mid-February. This is because, after the rutting seasons and with the shortening days, bucks produce less testosterone. This causes the bonds that hold the antlers to the skull to weaken. The inevitable result is that antlers fall off when they brush with an object or when the buck moves or stops abruptly – or simply anytime the connection will no longer hold them. Deer with the largest antlers tend to drop them first, because these antlers are heaviest and their width provides more leverage, which puts more stress on an already weakened connection. Larger antlers also catch more things that will help detach them. Having said that, a healthy buck will hold onto its antlers longer than a weak, sick, or stressed one.

Where to look

If you want to collect shed antlers at this time of year, it's best to search places where there is bare ground or snow depths shallow enough not to bury them. Looking for sheds in deep snow is rarely productive.

Obviously, the more deer in the area, the better the odds of finding a shed. So, find places where old and new tracks, deer beds and scat reveal plenty of evidence of winter deer activity.

I'm not a serious shed hunter. (I met one in Saskatchewan who had a large closet almost filled to the top with sheds.) Nevertheless, I find one or two antlers each spring.

I typically find them in areas where I know deer bed throughout the early winter and along well-worn trails. Southern facing slopes that receive lots of winter sun are also prime places, especially if there is thick evergreen cover which provides shelter from wind and traps ambient heat. Any area deer use for winter yarding is also excellent. So too are bedding areas adjacent to food sources. Page wire fence lines and places where deer either leap over or crawl under fences are also really good places to check. Having said that, I've also found sheds in completely random locations. That's the nature of the game.

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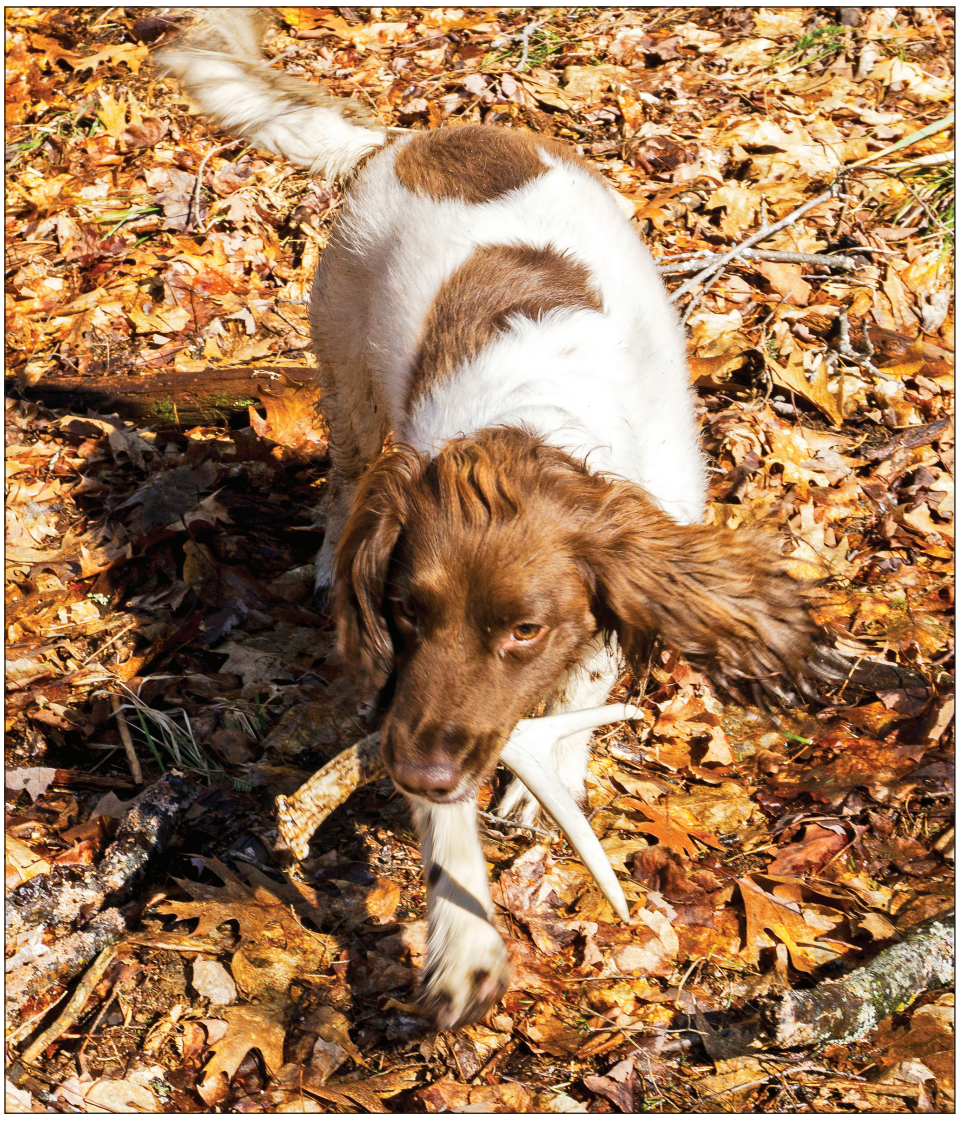

Dogs can be an asset when shed hunting, as the author's English springer spaniel Rosie demonstrates. /Submitted by Steve Galea

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A good dog can help

from page 3

My English springer spaniel found the last shed I collected. I took her for a walk in the woods and she ran a little ahead, picked up an antler and proudly brought it straight to me. That came naturally to Rosie, as I had not trained her to find sheds. Some people do train their dogs for the task, however.

Ideally, a shed hunting dog should range close, recall dependably, retrieve, and be reliably trained not to pursue deer that you bump – because, if you are searching in a productive area, you might encounter a few deer and they're already stressed from the rigours of winter.

Of course, the dog must be able to sniff out antlers. Many people use old antlers or pet-store bought ones when training and begin with games of "find the antler" in and outside of the house. There are online resources to help ensure your dog is up to the task, should you need them.

Steve Galea admiring a shed. /Submitted

Competing with rodents

Perhaps the best reason for shed hunting early in the season is to get to them before the rodents do. Mice, squirrels, and other rodents love antlers and will gnaw on sheds to get the calcium they contain.

Last year, I found an otherwise nice antler that was almost chewed right through, presumably by one of the many squirrels in the area. A few little tooth marks add character. A lot can destroy the beauty of an antler. The longer you wait to go shed hunting, the more prevalent that experience is.

A walk in the woods

Shed hunting can be a serious pursuit or a slow, relaxing walk in the woods. I prefer to think of it as the latter, because even in great locations sheds are not easy to find. But, if you take along a pair or binoculars, a GPS or map and compass, and a trustworthy canine friend, it can be a wonderful way to observe the spring woods as it shakes off winter's last grasp. Better yet, you are certain to learn a little more about deer.

Perhaps the best reason of all is that anyone can do it. Tags or licences are not needed and, if you are lucky, you'll walk away with an antler or two to remind you of the experience. For an outdoors enthusiast, that's pretty hard to beat.

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Yours Outdoors

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And this is just one example! We can get creative when it comes to rock climbing, guided hikes, food tasting, drink samples, guided fishing, pottery, or anything else! Yours Outdoors lets you choose your own adventure every step of the way.

This is a great feature when planning something specific over the summer. We have some awesome stories and memories that have stemmed from planning engagements, wedding adventures, bachelor parties, staff parties, and family reunions, all completely around the participants' needs, interests, and dreams.

Is there something you would be interested in participating in, but don't see it on the website? That's great! Let us know! We are always excited about creating and developing new adventurous options. Currently, we offer more than 80 different experiences in the area; focusing on arts, culture, heritage, nature, and outdoor adventure. Perhaps, with your help, we could get that number to 100!

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Do you hear what I hear?

JANET TRULL
Special to County Life

I hear the ferns unfurling beneath last year's dry leaves on the forest floor. I hear the lake booming as it muscles the ice out of the way. I hear squirrels in the attic and robins under the deck. Roaring snowmobiles and scraping snowplows are replaced by leaf blowers and COVID puppies chasing skunks. Let the good times roll.

I also hear from people who I haven't seen for a while. Those people just beyond my inner circle of family and closest friends, part of a rich and varied social life I almost forgot about. Invitations to meet for coffee, to make art together, to collaborate on civic projects.

I hear conversations in-person that I have heard only online for two years. You can actually laugh or clear your throat without worrying about interrupting the stream. I hear a more natural tone in the voices. We are a little more patient, I think, listening to each others' stories, knowing we don't have to worry about getting to the 45 minute mark when the Zoom session times out.

I hear music in the stores that lightens the mood as we shop for things beyond the bare necessities. I hear the tension drop away from the voices of cashiers at the grocery store. I admire them so much for putting up with fast changing government regulations, irritable customers, and personal risk. I get emotional, thinking about all the frontline workers and community members who stayed calm and showed up and made life bearable for the rest of us.

I hear young people talking about mental health. So that might be good. They are managing a new version of anxiety that was not around when we were teenagers, and it helps to talk about it. But I hope they let loose a bit this summer. Jump off the dock, crank up the music, paddle in white water.

I hear caution, too. The careful choice of words we use when we are unsure if others share our beliefs. The pandemic divided us as we watched different news channels and read different Instagram posts. We became suspicious about choices other people made. And it made some of us angry and some of us sad and some of us disillusioned. I hear criticism that is not constructive.

But, listen. We are still neighbours. I hear concerns about getting our kids back on track at school, and fixing the long term care system. We all care deeply about the vulnerable people in our community who were hit hard by the pandemic and will need support as they look for jobs and affordable housing.

I hear, loud and clear, the criticism about government decisions over the last two years. We can agree that politically we aren't perfect, but it's better than in Russia. So. There's that.

I hope to hear people talking about gardens and camping and canoes. I hope to hear respect in our voices even when we disagree. I hope to hear new wisdom. New kindness. It would be as refreshing as an April shower.

Top 10 reasons we dislike late season ice storms

AS MUCH AS we Canadians associate ice with good times, we are not particularly happy to see ice storms. There's something about a surprise ice storm that just seems to make us nervous. Here are the top 10 reasons I can think of.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. Spontaneous hockey games sure to break out.
2. Most of us just put away our luges.
3. Figure skating outfit at the dry cleaners.
4. A car was not designed to be a bobsled.
5. Too many hills and not enough haybales at the bottom.
6. When you try to walk uphill, people mistake you for a mime.
7. If you are wearing a tuxedo, people try to feed you raw fish.
8. Glare ice also describes the look you get after someone slips on your walkway.
9. If you wanted to slide 100 metres downhill on your butt, you would have visited a waterslide.
10. No way to learn about muscles you never knew you had.

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Places

Scratches of trees poking from patches of grass,
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as I fling open the window and listen,
smears of black wings flapping past,
rumpling Air with their bickering.
A blur of grey birds circling through Air,
their voices muted by crows,
skimming the tops of the spokes of trees,
their buds still sleeping in their beds of bark.
I stare at the starkness of what I see,
rows of leafless trees flanking the river bank,
nests maybe resting in the crooks of their branches
waiting for birds to return.
The ashen bony branches of a barkless tree,
springing from the black soil of memory,
as my mind takes me back, leading me along
the trail,
towards that slab of granite bench overlooking the
marsh and the cemetery of trees,
a place of peace, to just sit and be, to not think
about things,
just let my Breath breathe.

How I long to walk to that bench now,
and greet the lone tree that grows steps away from it,
often a bird perched on the bone of its branch,
its chirps enlivening the tree, that I'm never sure
whether it's alive or dead,
admiring its resilience instead as the memory bleeds
into rows of leafless trees,
and my mind pulls me back towards the window,
patches of grass peeping through Snow,
winter clinging as Wind refuses to surrender
to spring,
the cries of crows drowning the chorus of other birds
that rest in their nests or fly across Sky,
as I stand at the window, peering out at this first day
of Spring,
wondering whether they feel it in the Air and in the
tips of their wings,
this bristling, as they cross invisible boarders up
in the Sky,
searching for places to land.

Sylvie Kalenda

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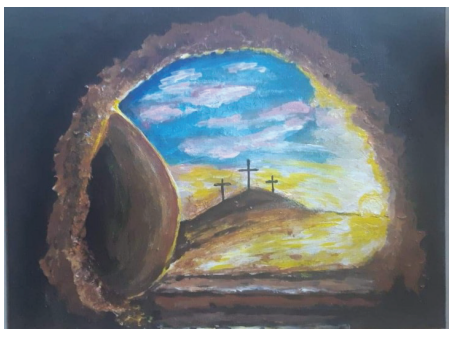

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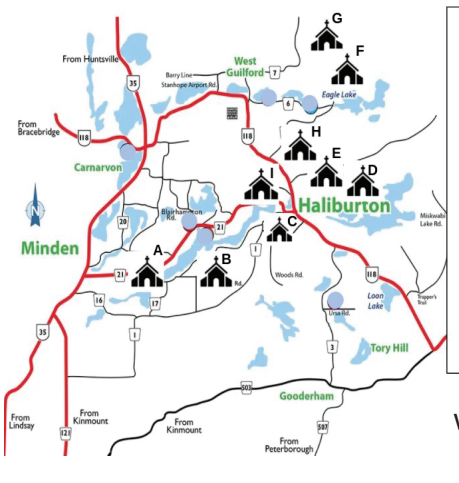

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Op-Ed

Understanding the "Right to Read"

The following is a letter submitted by Dr. Karen Dockrill, consultant paediatrician in Haliburton as a response to The right to read article published in County Life on March 24.

The Ontario Human Rights Commission (OHRC) released their long awaited report from the #RightToRead Inquiry earlier this year on Feb. 28. As a paediatrician in Haliburton, and a member of PONDA (Physicians of Ontario Neurodevelopmental Advocacy), I wanted to share my understanding of the Human Rights Commission's report around learning to read in Ontario. PONDA is a provincial body of physicians and psychologists working to meet the needs of children, youth, and adults with neurodevelopmental disabilities in Ontario. PONDA has championed the issue of inequitable reading instruction in schools and "welcomes the results of the Right to Read Inquiry and look forward to an education system that supports effective reading instruction practices so that all children learn to read well. This is a not just a human rights issue, but a public health issue as well."

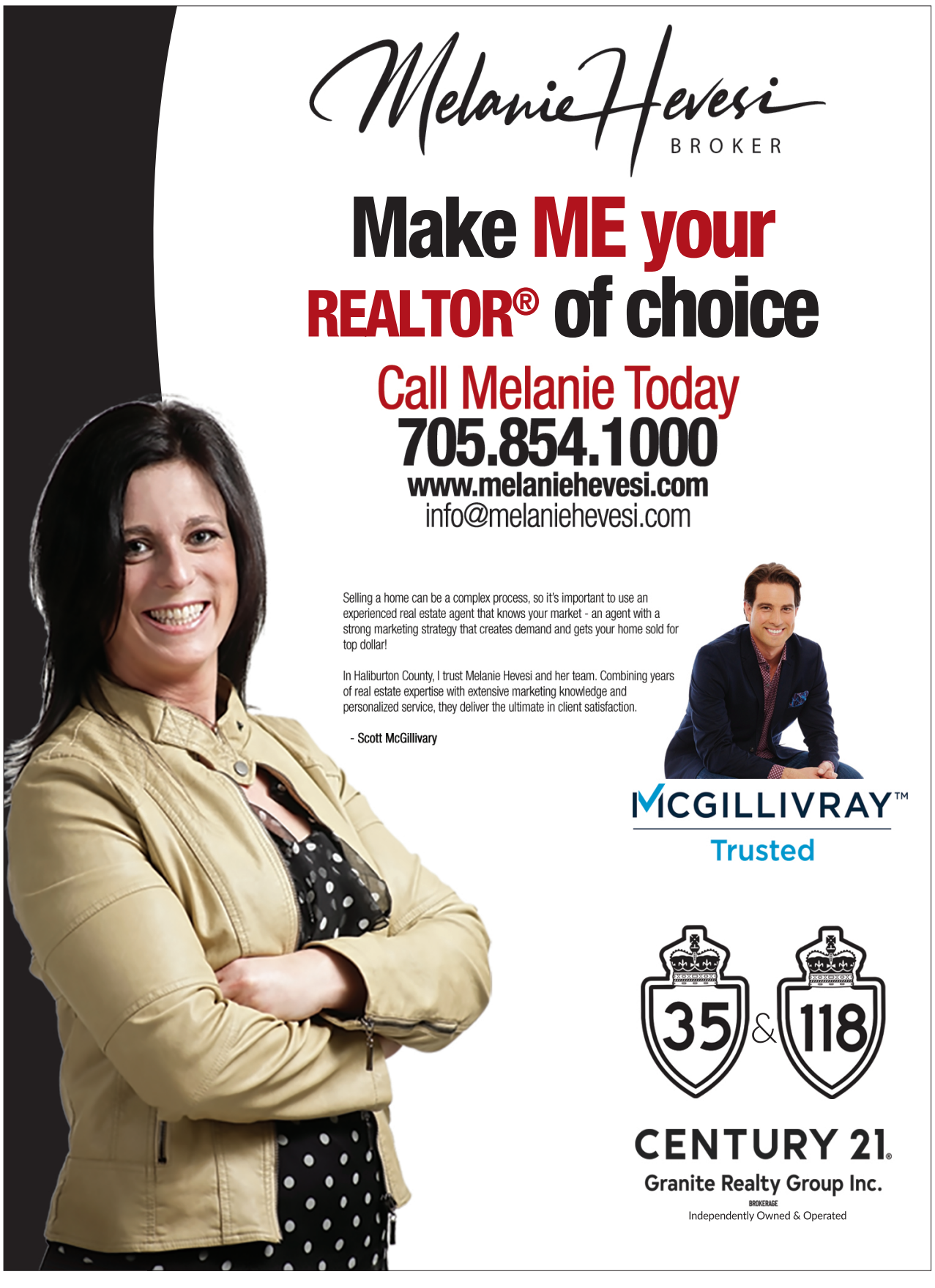
I see in my consultation practice many children struggling with literacy development and associated impacts to self-esteem, school attendance and mental health. It has been recognized for many years, well before the pandemic, that Ontario children and youth were falling behind recognized reading benchmarks. The pandemic has further impacted children's learning experience. It is expected that learning difficulties will escalate over the next few years specifically for younger children. Ontario students need a strong evidenced-based reading curriculum more then ever.

What the Human Rights Commission recognized is that the Ontario curriculum was not science (evidenced) based in supporting early reading skill development of phonics and phonology (blending sounds). We have strong science understanding of how reading develops. We also have evidenced-based reading programs to remediate and teach 95 per cent of children how to read fluently. Based on the report, the Ontario government is taking immediate action to improve student literacy and making longer-term reforms to modernize the way reading is taught and assessed in schools, with a focus on phonics. The Ontario Human Rights Commission's *Right to Read* report outlines fundamental problems related to Ontario's existing elementary Language curriculum. As an immediate first step, and in response to the recommendations of the report, Ontario is making a $25-million investment in evidence-based reading intervention programs and professional assessments to support learning recovery and enable school boards to immediately begin meeting the needs of struggling readers. Funding is being made available for this school year and will carry through into the 2022-2023 school year. Research shows that when reading interventions are early, evidence-based, fully implemented and closely monitored, they are highly effective in improving reading success.

In addition to this critical investment, Ontario's plan to boost literacy outcomes and support learning recovery also includes:

- Aligning the elementary language curriculum and the Grade 9 English course with scientific, evidence-based approaches that emphasize direct, explicit and systematic instruction.
- Eliminating all references to discovery-based learning, including the three-cueing system, by September 2023.
- Releasing a science-based guide for educators in spring 2022 that will support effective early reading instruction.
- Collaborating with partners, including faculties of education, on professional development for educators to ensure they are learning science-based reading instruction methods.

Change is always difficult. There are those who have a vested interest in continuing to use the current whole language and balanced literacy approach to instruction in our schools, with the materials and programs that go with it. Teachers deserve to have the best tools and skills in their hands. PONDA continues the work of encouraging schools to change their practice and align with the Science of Reading. The pandemic has shown us how quality "evidenced-based" science can lead to effective COVID vaccinations and treatments in record-breaking time. The pandemic has also shown us the danger of non-science and how poor "non-evidenced-based" science can contribute to misinformation that impacts health and safety of individuals and all citizens. I firmly believe our children and youth will greatly benefit from the *Right to Read* actions.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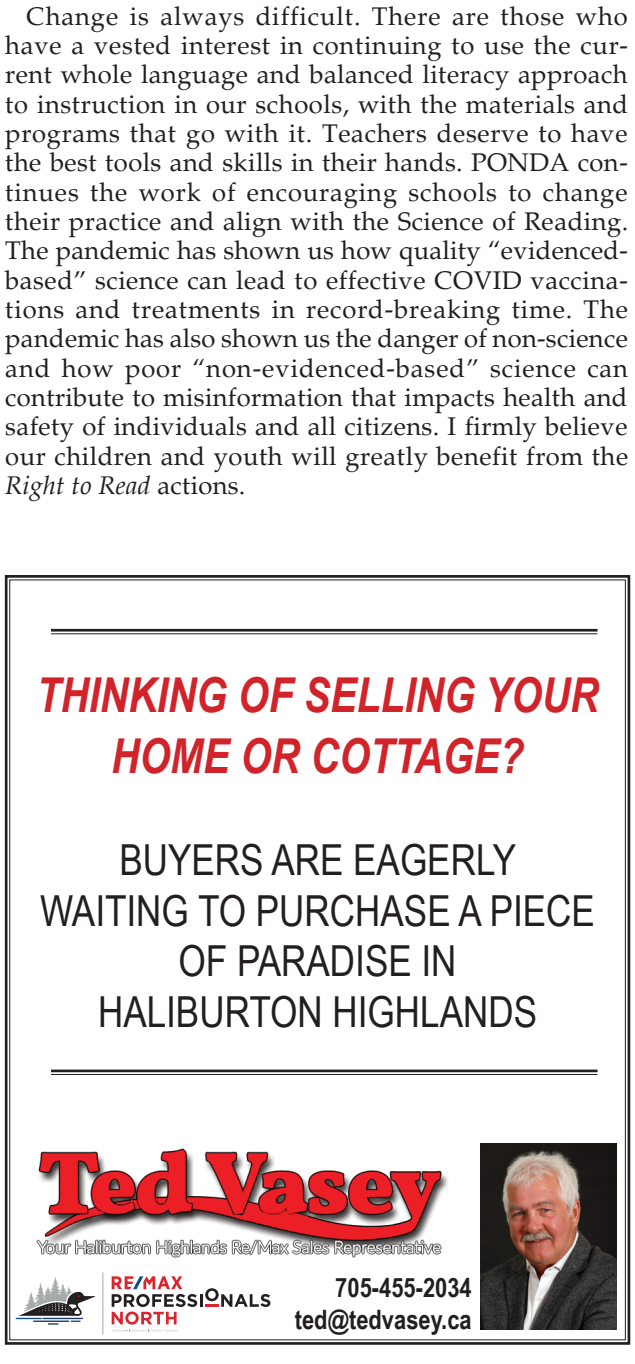
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Nature in your backyard

County Life welcomes photo submissions depicting life in the Highlands. Email darren@ haliburtonpress.com. Please ensure images are high resolution - 200 dpi, 10 inches at its longest edge.

With snow falling, a blue jay is frozen in time by area photographer Tammy Nash.

A mourning cloak butterfly is frozen in time, because of the keen eye of Rachel Lower.

"Our spring butterflies are out already on warm days," Rachel Lower said, referring to a compton tortoiseshell butterfly, also konwn as a "false comma." Submitted by Rachel Lower

Deer caught by the camera courtesy of area photographer Tammy Nash, who saw the herd through her dining room on Wednesday, March 23 in Algonquin Highlands.

Left, swans pair up on the water, as caputured by Tammy Nash.

Local Landmark Mystery

Local Landmark reveal: The 1903 Veltar steam engine at the base camp of Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve. This 300 horsepower steam engine powered one of the largest sawmills to ever exist in Haliburton County. Owned and run by Hay and Company from Woodstock Ontario, the mill operated from 1944 to 1971 and cut over 150 million board feet over it's life. That's enough lumber to frame more than 9,000 three bedroom houses. The steam engine sits on it's original site and was powered by burning "wood waste" from the sawmill operation. The engine powered the bandsaw in the mill, as well as providing power and heat to all of basecamp. The sawmill was instrumental in settling and logging the northern part of Haliburton County. The mill was unique in that it milled yellow birch to help build the De Havilland Aircraft Company's Mosquito bomber, one of the fastest propeller driven aircraft ever built. The Mosquito was instrumental in the allies Second World War victory. /Submitted by Thom Lambert

The following are images of a local landmark. Try to guess what the landmark is and look for the reveal in next week's *County Life*. Concept and images from Thom Lambert, who shares informative posts about things to see and do in the Highlands through @myhaliburtonhighlands on Instagram. /Submitted by Thom Lambert

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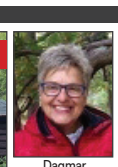


Dagmar Boettcher**
457-5968

Kushog Lake $1,150,000

- Log 3 season cottage on over 4 acres
- West facing waterfront, deep off dock
- Flat shared driveway off municipal road

Andy Campbell
854-0292

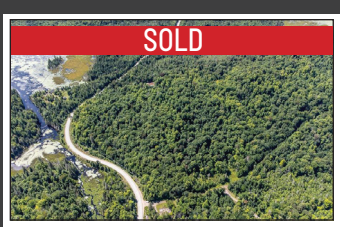
Kernohan Farm Trail $120,000

- .68 acre building lot
- Just off of Hwy 35
- Close to town

Gloria Carnochan* & Brean Budel*
754-1932

Thinking about selling?

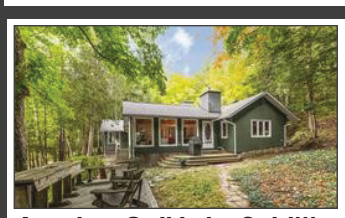
- Wondering what your property is worth?
- Let's chat about the current increase in value!



Mark Dennys*
457-0473

Harburn Rd

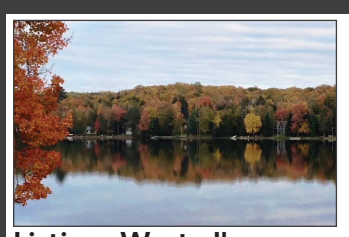
- 17 vacant lots over 47acres
- 1.91 acres to 4.92 acres
- Registered Plan of Subdivision
- Close to town



Tom Ecclestone*
286-2138 x 226

Another Gull Lake Sold!!!

It's been an outstanding past year for very happy Gull Lake Buyers and Sellers. I will welcome all your inquires regarding your real estate needs on this lake and of course, Haliburton and the Kawartha Lakes. It's spring let's get started!



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Andrew Hodgson**
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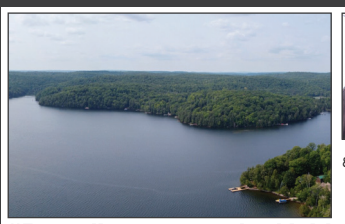
Haliburton Home $1,450,000

- Spectacular, custom-built Haliburton home
- 5 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, including 2 apartments
- 5,300 SF of living space across 3 levels
- Stothart Creek, a sought-after subdivision



Susanne James* & Andy Mosher**
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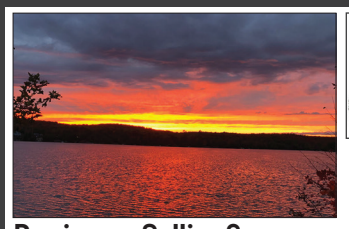

Ashley McKeigue
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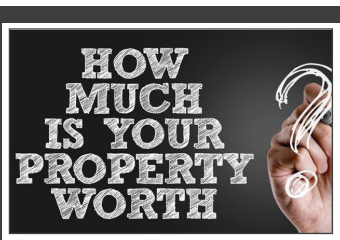

Donna McCallum*
455-2054

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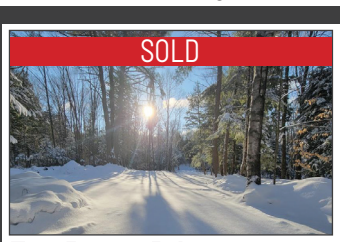

Brandon Nimigon***
457-2128 x 127

Eric Potter Rd

- 2.8 Acre Lot
- 300ft Driveway
- Hydro at Lot Line
- Year Round Municipal Rd

Karen Nimigon**
457-6505

Kanawa Ln – Kushog Lk

- Charming 4 Season cottage, bunkie + detached garage w/loft.
- Spectacular Rippled Sand Shoreline, South Exposure, 2-Lake chain

Kelly Kay*
705-457-6841
Kirsten Rae*
705-854-1454

Gainforth Road

- Stunning custom home on 3.9 acres
- 3300 sq ft 5 bedroom 4 bathroom
- Very private setting w/ pond
- Record Sale For Non-WF Residential

Darlene Reil*
447-2055

Essonville Line, Wilberforce

- $79,900
- Nice Acre & A Half
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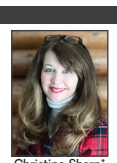

Christine Sharp*
705-489-9968

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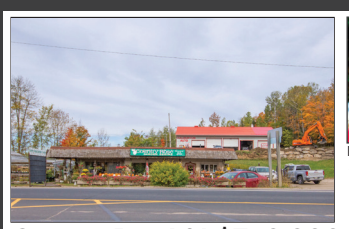
- Selling Prices Are Up!

Greg Stamp*
457-2128 x 128

Mountain Street

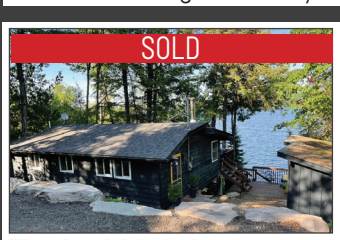
- Fantastic family home, 5 min from Haliburton
- Very private with lots of improvements
- Paved driveway, attached garage
- Access to Kashagawigamog Lk



Melanie Vigrass*
286-2138 x 232

County Road 21 $750,000

- Commercial property in Haliburton
- Prime corner location, 1.5 acres
- Rental house as an added feature
- Sale includes land & building



Lindsay Wilkinson*
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Twelve Mile Lake

- Stunning views
- Great boating
- Newly renovated

Andrea Wilson**
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Chalet Rd

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Capturing nature's wonder

The Haliburton Highlands Camera Club continues to be active online and welcomes new members, who can have a range of photography experience and skill levels. Members are looking forward to in-person meetings and outings in the spring. Visitors are welcome to attend one of our monthly meetings to see what it's all about. For meeting schedules and to view all amazing competition images visit highlandscameraclub.ca . You can also follow the club on Facebook. /Submitted by Haliburton Highlands Camera Club competition chair Hana Curtis

Below, Stan Fisher's image, Dandelion earned third place in the nature category.

Right, second place image, Fern by Lorry Brandon in the nature category.

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The Municipality of Highlands East
Is Currently Seeking An
Full-Time By-Law Enforcement Officer

Situated on the Eastern side of Haliburton County, Highlands East covers 758 square kilometers with over 70 lakes, pristine scenery and is only a 2.5 hour drive from the Greater Toronto Area. Highlands East is a predominately rural community and is comprised of the amalgamation of the Townships of Bicroft, Cardiff, Glamorgan and Monmouth as of 2001. The hamlets of Cardiff, Highland Grove, Wilberforce, Tory Hill and Gooderham are our settlement areas.

Reporting to the CAO/Treasurer, the By-law Enforcement Officer will be responsible for enforcement of municipal by-laws, investigating complaints regarding by-law breaches both during regular work hours and after hours as requested.

The municipality is seeking an individual with a post-secondary education in the field of law enforcement or equivalent; minimum two (2) years of Municipal Law Enforcement work experience; proficient computer and record management skills; strong oral and written communications skills; good understanding of Municipal By-Laws, the Provincial Offences Act and other related legislation.

If you are interested in joining our dedicated team of municipal professionals, applications **clearly marked "Application – By-law Enforcement Officer"** may be submitted on or before 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 19th, 2022 via mail, in person, fax or email. Interested applicants may submit their resume, including references, in confidence to:

Shannon Hunter, CAO/Treasurer
Municipality of Highlands East
P.O. Box 295, 2249 Loop Road
Wilberforce, ON K0L 3C0
Fax: 705-448-2532 E-Mail: shunter@highlandseast.ca

A copy of the detailed job description is available upon request or on our website at www.highlandseast.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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Reporting to the Deputy CAO/Treasurer, the Tax Collector will be responsible for the collection of taxes for the Municipality. The Tax Collector will oversee the day-to-day tax collection functions and performs the statutory duties of the Tax Collector as defined in the Municipal Act.

The municipality is seeking an individual with a minimum of five (5) years' experience within a Municipal setting, at least two of which are in tax collection; minimum of two (2) years' recent Municipal Financial or related experience; Municipal Tax Administration Program; post-secondary education, with discipline in finance or accounting, or related combination of education and experience; completion of Municipal Finance and Accounting course; general knowledge of Municipal accounting software, principles and practices and A.M.C.T.O. designation preferred.

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Budget sets new direction for county

by Jay Kerr-Wilson

County council's 1992 budget reflects a vision for the future, says Haliburton County Warden George Simmons.

Simmons made the remarks at last Wednesday's meeting of county council, just prior to the presentation of the budget by Dysart Reeve Chris Hodgson.

The warden said the budget set a new direction for Haliburton County and council is committed to tying future tax increases to the rate of local growth.

Outlining some of the initiatives the county is pursuing, Simmons said the Chamber of Commerce will eventually be self-sufficient and operate on a fee-for-service basis with the county.

In keeping with the tradition of federal finance ministers wearing a new pair of shoes when they deliver a budget, Simmons was sporting a set of Dutch wooden shoes. He his choice of footwear was appropriate because, "they're made from a natural resource and they're recyclable."

As part of the budget process, council has decided to put the county official plan and the waste management master plan on hold, and merge the economic development office with the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

Mark Stagg, who has been serving as both county planner and economic development officer, will continue to be a county employee but his efforts will be directed by the chamber of commerce board of directors.

The chamber has struck a committee to deal with the merger and Hodgson has been chosen by council to negotiate on behalf of the

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The budget shuffle

Haliburton County Warden George Simmons was kicking up his heels before last Wednesday's county council meeting to celebrate the 4.85 per cent increase in the county levy. Simmons was sporting a pair of Dutch wooden clogs in keeping with the tradition of finance ministers wearing a new pair of shoes on budget day.

Education budget might be delayed

by Susan Grober

It's still up in the air whether the Haliburton County Board Of Education will pass its final budget at this Tuesday's meeting.

At present, the board's expenditures are expected to increase by 6.5 per cent. But the total increase to local taxpayers won't be calculated until the board determines how much money it will receive from the province in grants.

Minister of Education Tony Silipo announced the general legislative grants (GLG) two weeks ago, on Thursday, March 12. The GLG is the formula whereby boards can determine how much money they will receive in grants.

On March 13, Business Administrator Jim Bradley met with the ministry in Toronto.

However, Bradley was on vacation all last week, and hasn't yet applied the formula to determine how much grant money the board will receive from the ministry.

Contacted last Friday, Director of Education Brad Saunders said he doesn't know if Bradley will have time to determine the grant figure by this Tuesday's board meeting.

If Bradley doesn't manage to determine the amount of the grant, the management committee will just present the budget to the full board at a special afternoon meeting and the board will pass the final budget at a later date.

The board's most recent budget deliberations occurred during a management committee meeting on March 4.

At that time, the board discussed ways of cutting the budget by $300,000, reducing the

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School accommodation issue

Support for Minden growing

by Jay Kerr-Wilson

Minden council is starting to draw support from other municipalities in its quest to have the school board re-open the school accommodation issue.

So far, the municipal councils of Sherborne, Lutterworth and Glamorgan have joined Minden in asking the school board to reconsider its plan to build an addition to Archie Stouffer Elementary School and establish a junior high school in Haliburton Village, which would be used by students from across the county.

Last Monday, Minden council held a special meeting to deal with the issue. Included in the 30 people who attended were representatives from the three municipalities listed above, members of the Taxpayers Coalition of Haliburton County and Minden residents who oppose the school board's decision.

Parents in Minden do not want to see students in Grades 7 and 8 bused to Haliburton Village and there have also been concerns about the cost of the board's plan.

Bryan Kernohan and Doug Campbell have studied the issue and developed another option which would see additions to both Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden and J.D. Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton, and would cost $1.6 million less than the board's chosen option.

Despite the opposition, the school board has resisted requests to re-examine the issue and remains committed to its original decision.

At last Monday's meeting, Minden Reeve Bern Berry said council appreciates the support being shown by residents and other municipalities.

"We feel strongly, as a council, that something has got to be done to get the board of education to look at the issue," he said.

Kernohan and Campbell reviewed the information they've gathered on the school accommodation issue, based on demographics

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Former Warden and Glamorgan Reeve Bob McCausland dies. *See story pg. 5.*

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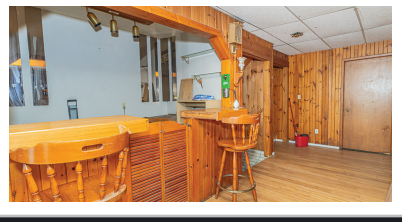

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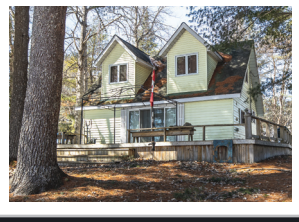

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